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FOR HA FROM LOWMAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ICEM INVOLVEMENT IN LATIN AMERICAN PAROLE

1. IN DISCUSSIONS AT ICEM HEADQUARTERS WITH LOWMAN, ROBERTO KOZAK, ICEM REP SANTIAGO, SAID GOA HAD MADE IT CRYSTAL CLEAR THAT THEY DID NOT WISH ICEM TO INVOLVE ITSELF IN PROCESSING DETAINEE DEPARTURES UNDER RIGHT OF OPTION. KOZAK SAID ORIGINAL LETTER TO AMERICAN EMBASSY HAD REFERRED ONLY TO INVOLVEMENT OF UNHCR. THEREFORE, HE DECIDED TO ACT AS IF NO PROBLEM EXISTED AND PROCEEDED TO CALL AT MFA TO ANNOUNCE HIS PRESENCE. IN DESCRIBING HIS FUNCTIONS, HE TOOK CARE TO STRESS THOSE RESPONSIBILITIES FAVORED BY GOA. HOWEVER, WHEN HE MENTIONED PROCESSING OF DETAINEES, HE WAS TOLD GOA WANTED NO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED, THAT GOA THOUGHT THEY HAD MADE THIS CLEAR AND TRUSTED THIS WOULD BE THE LAST CONVERSATION ON THE SUBJECT. KOZAK, AN ARGENTINE NATIONAL, DOES NOT PLAN TO RAISE IT AGAIN.

2. KOZAK, NOTING GOA IS VERY SENSITIVE TO THE PROGRAM, BELIEVES THEY DO NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THE NEED OF A COORDINATING AGENT. HE BELIEVES EMBASSIES SHOULD SIMPLY PROCEED ON THEIR OWN AND, SOMETIME LATER, RETURN TO THE GOA WITH A RENEWED EXPLANATION OF THE PROBLEMS WITH WHICH ICEM COULD HELP.

3. IF INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMISSION REP, FRANK AZEVEDO WERE PLACED UNDER CONTRACT AS A JOINT VOLAG REP, KOZAK THOUGHT THIS (OR A SIMILAR ARRANGEMENT) COULD GIVE HIM A SUFFICIENTLY QUASI-OFFICIAL COLORATION THAT HIS ASSISTANCE WITH THE PROCESSING OF DETAINEES MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE. FOR AZEVEDO'S PROTECTION, HOWEVER, SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT SHOULD NO DOUBT FIRST BE CLEARED WITH THE GOA. VANDEN HEUVEL

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